

(a) of this section, the Secretary reserves the remaining funds to be allocated based on the quality of the application as determined by competitive reviews conducted by the Department using the criteria in § 388.20 and the priorities in § 388.22.

(c) Prior to award, negotiations may be conducted with applicants to resolve any problems or weaknesses in the application identified by the review process.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c), 770, and 771a)

**§ 388.22 What priorities does the Secretary consider in making an award?**

(a) The Secretary reserves funds to support some or all of the proposals that have been awarded a rating of 80 points or more under the criteria described in § 388.20.

(b) In making a final selection of proposals to support under this program, the Secretary considers the extent to which proposals have exceeded a rating of 80 points and address one or more of the following priorities announced in the application notice:

(1) *Development and dissemination of model in-service training materials and practices.* The proposed project demonstrates an effective plan to develop and disseminate information on its State Vocational Rehabilitation In-Service Training program, including the identification of training approaches and successful practices, in order to permit the replication of these programs by other State vocational rehabilitation units.

(2) *Distance education.* The proposed project demonstrates innovative strategies for training State vocational rehabilitation unit personnel through distance education methods, such as interactive audio, video, computer technologies, or existing telecommunications networks.

(3) *Enhanced employment outcomes for specific populations.* The proposed project supports specialized training in the provision of vocational rehabilitation or related services to individuals with disabilities to increase the rehabilitation rate into competitive em-

ployment for all individuals or specified target groups.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c), 770, and 771a)

**Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met After an Award?**

**§ 388.30 What are the matching requirements?**

(a) The Secretary may make grants for paying part of the costs of projects under this program. Except as provided for in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the grantee shall provide at least 10 percent of the total costs of the project.

(b) Grantees designated in § 388.21(a)(3) to receive a minimum share of one third of one percent of the sums made available for the fiscal year shall provide at least four percent of the total costs of the project.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c), 770, and 771a)

**§ 388.31 What are the allowable costs?**

In addition to those allowable costs established in 34 CFR 75.530 through 75.562 (Education Department General Administrative Regulations), the following items are allowable under State vocational rehabilitation unit in-service training projects:

- (a) Trainee per diem costs.
- (b) Trainee travel in connection with a training course.
- (c) Trainee tuition and fees.
- (d) Telecommunications and technology fees.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c), 770, and 771a)

**PART 389—REHABILITATION CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**Subpart A—General**

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